

Sept. 17, 2017

OVERALL CONCERNS:

➤ Orange County:

Orange County is struggling and asking for help on almost all fronts.

Residents still under water, EJ communities that are asking for help with even the first steps in registering for FEMA and other federal programs without internet access, a water plant that was flooded and still not operational, trains that were derailed, roads that are still impassible, and city and local government officials that report feeling helpless and ignored as they themselves try to help their communities.

Residents are searching for any and all assistance to help residents return to their homes.

Immediate need: housing, food, cleaning supplies and PPE.

Waiting on Vietnamese outreach materials

➤ Residence waiting on direction in regards to moisture sensors for Chambers County

Orange County continues to ask for sustained EPA and federal support.

Beaumont Port Arthur:**QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- Need to consider programs such as the “promotoras” for other communities
- Need children’s health information
- Need a train-the-trainer Healthy Homes program for re-entry

COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Would have been great to have a Vietnamese speaker or translator when reaching the Vietnamese community.

Residents requesting information primarily on cleanup and mold.

Wharton

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed the Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) to answer questions from residents. Provided EPA publications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Foundation travels to disaster |
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<p>to help residents recover from flooding.</p> <p>FEMA assisted with providing Wi-Fi.</p> <p>About 65 residents visited the DRC 9.17.2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Buddhist Tzu Chi Foundation, Southern Region, based in Houston, Texas was at the City of Wharton Civic Center to hand out blankets, cleaning materials, rice and money to impacted residents of the City of Wharton. 	<p>areas (cities) to hand out needed goods.</p> <p>The Mayor of the City of Wharton, Tim Barker was present at the event.</p> <p>Shared EPA efforts with the Mayor and informed him that EPA is in Wharton County, and working with FEMA, State of Texas, Wharton County, City of Wharton, Schools, Churches, and organizations to provide information to residents affected by Hurricane Harvey on mold cleanup after disaster, managing debris separation and disposal, and how to protect families from mold exposure.</p> <p>Provided copy of Homeowner's and Renter's Guide to Mold Cleanup After Disaster to the Mayor.</p>
Nueces, San Patricio, Aransas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Briefed Byron Hayes, USCG & EPA PIO, regarding outreach to Aransas County Emergency Manager. Emails to all of the Emergency Managers when the Community Liaisons first arrived at the Alpha Command Post. No responses. <p>Internet is down in Rockport, Ingleside, Aransas Pass and Port Aransas, which explain why they did not know that EPA Community Liaisons were in the area.</p> <p>Participated in the Command and General Staff (C&G) meeting.</p> <p>Organized info to brief Co-leader on Monday morning.</p>	<p>QUESTIONS/COMMENT</p> <p>New Victoria DRC located in the Bravo area, perhaps it should be reassigned to a Bravo team.</p> <p>We will consult with the newly assigned Co-leader regarding this.</p> <p>Manual Villareal, COAST Program Coordinator with the Texas Department of Insurance (TDWI) stopped by to brief us on this important program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a requirement for homes in Texas built after 1988 to be certified to One Storm Standards. It is a quasi-non-profit organization that works in conjunction with the State of Texas and supplies info on Texas Wind Storm Insurance since major carries often do not cover damage in this area due to storms.

<p>Arrived at the FEMA DRC at 10:30 a.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New FEMA lead Pedro Rodriguez. • We spoke with FEMA contact Theresa Kangas, who we met at the Port Aransas DRC on Friday, September 15. • Re-visit Salt Creek Baptist Church. <p>Texas SNAP providing an extra food bonus to folks receiving SNAP assistance.</p> <p>Heat is a safety concern</p> <p>Nate Cox with the USGS arrived to take photos.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffed EPA table at the DRC, a citizen said that the FEMA inspector that arrived at her house yesterday was told to obtain an IRS kit. <p>EPA not aware of IRS kit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need EPA table/chairs to set up with information materials. <p>Referred to Baptist Faith located within DRC that can offer assistance.</p> <p>According to FEMA, 150 people came to the DRC.</p>	<p>Certification also applies to windows, doors, garage doors, siding and roofs. This is a free program.</p> <p>Inquiries should be directed to the Corpus Christi office. Flyers provided with the subject information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Red Cross representatives stopped by. Richard Smith (605-381-5024) with the Red Cross is an Elected Official Liaison with the Red Cross and covers all of the counties in this area. • Red Cross is not providing more permanent shelter in Rockport, it is FEMA. <p>There is a Task Force for long term shelter.</p> <p>The Task Force leader for Long Term Shelter Mario Chapa (512-424-5382): Texas Division of Emergency Management, Texas Department of Public Safety.</p>
Harris	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Memorial Drive Acres, White Wing, and Nottingham Forest areas have extremely large piles of household hazardous waste which have been there for over a week. <p>EPA Community Liaisons observed</p>	<p>neighborhood, it was filled and then it left and no trucks have returned. The residents call the 311 number and are told that there is nothing that can be done.</p>

<p>these piles on September 10, 2017 and filed this in the daily report. On September 16, 2017, the Community Liaisons returned to the area to see if the debris had been removed. It had not. The residents stated that they have only seen one truck come into the</p>	<p>➤ On most streets, the debris piles are basically a single long pile on each side of the street measuring 8-10 feet high and 15 feet wide. Debris pileup allows one car to pass at a time.</p> <p>The air is pungent with mold throughout the tree neighborhoods.</p> <p>The piles of debris pose a health risk to the residents and volunteers.</p>
Fort Bend	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please refer to the "Organizations reached in Fort Bend County" Excel spreadsheet for more information on outreach done by EPA's Fort Bend county team. • Compiled a spreadsheet containing a summary of organizations and personnel that the EPA team reached and gave information to on Fort Bend County. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With this effort, the team feels that they have exhausted their resources and met with the major contributors on the recovery of Fort Bend. The team will stay in contact with said parties if any needs or concerns surfaces and continue their post monitoring of Fort Bend county during the Hurricane Harvey deployment.
Beaumont/ Port Arthur	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the 8:30 a.m. daily conference call. • Strategic Meeting to review list of contacts/leads and plan action moving forward. • Met with Senior Pastor Randy Vaughn, of Mount Sinai Baptist Church and provided re-entry information for community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mount Sinai serves as an In-Take Center for FEMA - helping residents sign up for support. ○ The church has assisted two to three hundred individuals on a daily-basis. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ to best prepare their homes after the flood. ○ We requested a follow-up meeting to best explain EPA's mission following Hurricane Harvey. ○ It would have been great to have a Vietnamese-speaker because there was a language barrier. • Met with a CL team traveling through and discussed our strategies and how to overcome barriers where leads appeared to run dry. • Recommended outreach in additional communities in Jefferson County for the next CLs

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ World Renew, a faith-based emergency response team of volunteers is visiting the community to help rebuild homes and will be housed and fed by church members. ○ Congregation was extremely welcoming and open their doors for additional work in the future. ○ Was invited to stay for the Sunday service where the message focused on surviving the storm. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke to a church member that expressed his concerns with FEMA and their inconsistency for follow-up. • Visited the Vuu Mon Buddhist Temple in Port Arthur. <p>Members mistook our outreach attempts – they thought we were offering training on how</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cities include; Nome, Fannett, Taylor Landing, Hamshire, China, Port Neches, Netherland, Groves <p>QUESTIONS/COMMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to consider programs such as the “promotoras” for other communities • Need children’s health information • Need a train-the-trainer Healthy Homes program for re-entry <p>COMMUNITY CONCERNS</p> <p>Would have been great to have a Vietnamese speaker or translator when reaching the Vietnamese community</p>
Baytown	
<p>Participated outreach event in Baytown starting at 07:00 throughout the day with the plan to have a presence until close.</p> <p>Provided information to 31 families. Residents requesting information primarily on cleanup and mold.</p>	